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Eaerster House
Fredericksburg, Texas

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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615 Maverick Bldg., San Antonio, Texas

THE FOERSTER HOUSE
Fredericksburg, Gillespie County, Texas.

Owner: Walter Foerster, Fredericksburg, Texas.

Date of Erection: 1850

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Friedrich Kiehne

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two and attic

Materials of Construction: Limestone, plaster and pine.

Other Existing Records: None

Additional Data:

The house, is constructed of local limestone, and is credited with being the first two story house built in Fredericksburg and the first to be constructed entirely of stone. The exterior walls are 24" thick, the house has no foundation; the walls were laid up from the ground. Exterior stone work is partly plastered and whitewashed. Roof, covered with wood shingles, is pitched about six to twelve, except lean-to in rear.

The plan includes two floors, an attic and a two story porch. Lower floor of porch is of flagstone. Interior floors and ceilings are of random width, tongue and grooved pine. Windows are wood casements.

The material embodied in the history comes from the HABS index card prepared by Mr. Lee C. Kiehne, a very talented architectural student of the University of Texas, who met his death in an automobile accident the early part of 1936. Mr. Kiehne was a native of the little German city of Fredericksburg, and was credited with having a wealth of accurate information regarding historic landmarks in the entire hill country.

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